GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6301
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CLOSURE OF GURDWARA IN KUWAIT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the closing down of the Gurdwara in Sahwa by Kuwait;

(b) if so, whether the issue has been taken up with the Kuwaity Government; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a, b & c) The Gurdwara in Sahwa region of Kuwait continues to function. The latest developments referred to in Newspaper articles of 17th & 18th April arose out of a landlord-tenant dispute. The landlord of the house in which the Gurdwara is functioning, asked for the premises to be vacated in a case filed in June 2001. The court ruled in favour of the landlord in Jan. 2002, but subsequently the dispute between the landlord and the tenant appears to have been resolved and the Gurdwara continues to function.